

Affection to his Majestys Service has Eminently appeared to Lib. X.
us all which in Right to truth we think ourselves obliged to
acknowledge to your good Lordships

Though Reflections or Sence of ill Usage if much agst our P. 247
nature & the constitution of this Gov^t yet for our own Iusti-
fication we hold our selves obliged to disburthen the Govern-
ment from some aspersions cast upon it by some persons who
stile themselves the Antient Planters & none of the least
Traders here whilst their names are Concealed & therein

1st We humbly appeal to your Lordships by comparing
the Act of Religion with the several exceptions against it if
they have not unworthily perverted the Sence & mean^s of
the Law particularly the 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th Exceptions

2 We assert to your Lordships for an undoubted truth
that there is nothing imposed upon any dissenting Protestants
or even papists but the payment of 40 p Poll equal with his
Majestys other Protestant Subjects & none of the other in-
junctions in that Law have been so much as pretended to be
imposed upon any dissenting Protestant but on the contrary
they are permitted the quiet & peacable enjoyment & use of
their Religion wthout the Least molestation whatsoever &
therefore they greatly wrong that Law & the Gov^t by their
Insinuation in the first second & third exceptions

We humbly assure your Lordships that what ever titles
persons may give themselves of dissenting Protestants there
has no sects of Religion here opposed that Law but the
Papists & Quakers who from the first Beginning of his
Majestys happy Gov^t here with which that Law entred have
with their Greatest Might obstructed it & so diligent were P. 248
they therein that the Quakers had got Copies of his Majestys
Order in Council for disallowing that Law long before the
Original from your Lordships arrived & their diligent spread-
ing the same caused great Disquiets in the minds of his
Majestys good Subjects & for their being antient Settlers we
acknowledge that some though but few Papists were at the
first seating but so far were the Quakers from being the most
antient Seaters that when they first came in they were ordered
to be whipped out for disturbing the Government as by an
order of Council the Copy whereof is inclosed appears &
they are so far now from being any considerable part that we
are confident they will not make the twelfth part of the Prov-
ince but were this Law down we believe they would increase
for both Sects are daily insinuating their doctrines into other
his Majestys good Subjects & imploying their utmost en-
deavours to pervert them from their Religion & some have
been prevailed upon though we hope by the Assistance of
that Law & the Labours of good men to put a Stop for the